

REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, claims 1 and 19 have been amended to correct a spelling error and clarify the language of subpart (g) as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 1, 3-19 and 21-36 remain under consideration in the application. No claim has been allowed.

It is believed that the spelling correction in claims 1 and 19 should overcome the claim objection in the present Office Action.

Likewise, the amendments to subpart (g) of claims 1 and 19, as suggested by the Examiner, are believed to clearly overcome the claim rejection under 35 USC § 102 based on Haefner et al (U.S. 5,690,683). Furthermore, Haefner et al '683 fails to suggest or teach the versatile sensing ability of the present claims, i.e., the sensing of evoked responses between "all combinations of any two of said electrodes". It is therefore believed that both present independent claims clearly distinguish over the Haefner et al '683 reference under 35 USC § 103(a) as clearly depicting an inventive step over that reference.

Whereas Sholder (U.S. 5,222,493) does show that more than one combination of electrodes may be used for sensing, one of his electrodes is limited to an indifferent electrode mounted on the pacemaker.

It is the view of the present applicants that the versatile sensing ability of the present invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art of record, taken either singularly or in

combination. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider his position, withdraw the rejections and allow the present claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment in response to the Official Action of March 13, 2003, in application Serial No. 09/206,329, filed on December 8, 1998, of Gheng Zhang et al, entitled "AUTOCAPTURE PACCING/SENSING CONFIGURATION" is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, on June 11, 2003.



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